

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MELVIN WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNKNOWN,

Defendant.

No. 2:20-cv-1950 KJN P

ORDER

Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff has not, however, filed an in forma pauperis affidavit or paid the required filing fee of \$350.00 plus the \$50.00 administrative fee.¹ See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914(a), 1915(a). Therefore, plaintiff is provided the opportunity either to submit the appropriate affidavit in support of a request to proceed in forma pauperis or to submit the required fees totaling \$400.00.

Plaintiff is cautioned that the in forma pauperis application form includes a section that must be completed by a prison official, and the form must be accompanied by a certified copy of plaintiff's prison trust account statement for the six-month period immediately preceding the

¹ If leave to file in forma pauperis is granted, plaintiff will still be required to pay the filing fee but will be allowed to pay it in installments. Litigants proceeding in forma pauperis are not required to pay the \$50.00 administrative fee.


filing of this action.

In addition, plaintiff filed a letter rather than a civil rights complaint. In order for the court to consider plaintiff's claims, plaintiff must file a civil rights complaint.

In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff shall submit, within thirty days from the date of this order, an affidavit in support of his request to proceed in forma pauperis on the form provided by the Clerk of Court, or the required fees in the amount of \$400.00; plaintiff's failure to comply with this order will result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed;
2. Plaintiff is granted thirty days from the date of this order, to file a civil rights complaint; failure to file a civil rights complaint will result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed;
3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send plaintiff a new Application to Proceed In Forma Pauperis By a Prisoner *and* a form for a civil rights complaint by a prisoner.

Dated: October 1, 2020


KENDALL J. NEWMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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